



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Rain Slows Planting Progress

Rain during the later part of last week delayed plantings and resulted in 3.6 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending May 11, 2003. **Field corn** is about 50 percent planted and a small amount is beginning to emerge. Harvesting of **strawberries** and **green peas** is behind schedule by about a week due to the precipitation Maryland has received.

Barley is more than 70 percent headed and should begin to turn in the next week or two. The condition of barley is fair to good with 7 percent excellent, 61 percent good, 24 percent fair, 6 percent poor and 2 percent very poor. **Winter wheat** is rated 8 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 29 percent fair, 8 percent poor and 3 percent very poor.

All the excess moisture this spring has left **pastures** in mostly good to excellent condition with 23 percent excellent, 53 percent good, 21 percent fair and 3 percent poor. The rain has delayed **hay** harvest and therefore supplies remains short to adequate with 41 percent adequate, 34 percent short, and 25 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	73	27	94	91
Winter Wheat Headed	19	4	75	56
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	39	21	40	48
Cucumbers	14	8	24	28
Field Corn	56	26	65	58
Potatoes	85	82	88	98
Snap Beans	14	11	22	23
Sorghum	12	2	5	4
Sweet Corn	40	30	58	54
Tobacco	7	3	33	14
Tomatoes	47	35	42	49
Watermelons	33	13	25	33
Fruit Crops Bloomed:				
Apples	99	84	98	95
Peaches	99	97	97	98
Strawberries	86	84	89	85
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay	11	10	14	14
Other Hay	10	9	15	14

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	3	72	25
Topsoil (2002)	-	8	87	5
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	89	11
Subsoil (2002)	10	40	47	3

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